California GIS Council (CGC) Digital Land Records Information (DLRI) Work Group August 18, 2005

The DLRI work group was created at the CGC meeting on March 16, 2005.

Findings by the DLRI work group have focused on identification of issues to be addressed when developing a recommendation to the CGC, they include:

- Need to involve the Assessors and create a mechanism that support and encourages the local agencies.
- California Attorney General decision on the classification digital parcel data as covered by the Public Information Act or not will weigh heavily on recommendation from the DLRI work group.
- Efforts lead by the State agencies have severe restrictions, such as getting budget approval from Department of Finance during a period when state government is looking for reductions and efficiencies.
- The role of the private enterprises will depend on the level of access to public data. The value-added to the public domain products is the area in which the private sector operates.
- Identified the Standard Data Record (SDR) effort by the California Assessors' Association to standardize data formats and provide a single interface for multiple counties.
- The scope of the recommendation will depend largely on factors yet to be determined. Such as the level of participation by the tax assessors, local agencies, and the decision by the Attorney General. Some of the questions yet to be answered by progressive discussion and research include:
 - Does this project include existing data only?
 - o What would the ideal product look like?
 - At what level should the dataset be available / public domain, state and local agencies?
 - o How do we create revenue streams for the data owners?
 - o What kind of support can we expect from local legislators?

In an effort to answer some of these questions and continue our fact-finding we (John Ellison's recommendation) have decided to hold a workshop following the CGC meeting on October 19, 2005. The goals of the workshop have been identified as:

- Support and encourage counties to participate in a statewide DLRI database. Of special interest is identify issues faced by those counties that have no digital land data and those counties that have digital land data and resell it at more than cost of reproduction.
- Identify methods for standardizing data formats
- Identify methods for data distribution.